

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, January 20, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met January 20, 2015 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on January 14, 2015 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; absent: Anderson. Minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2015 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Fintel to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 13, 2015 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, and Nuss; abstain: Samuelson; absent: Anderson. Motion carried.

There was no Public Input.

Anderson entered the meeting at 9:05 A.M.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported that the box culvert on Road V should be finished this week. The guys will be maintaining this week and then will work on the trees around the bridges. A preliminary discussion will be held next week on the 1 & 6 year plan. Tom asked the board what their decision was on adding another motor grader and employee and splitting the areas up. After discussion, it was decided not to do anything at this time but leave it open for discussion at a later date if anyone felt another grader and operator were needed.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the highway superintendent to advertise for a motor grader; bids to be opened March 17, 2015 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Anderson to authorize the highway superintendent to advertise for a dump truck; bids to be opened March 24, 2015 at 9:15 A.M. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney discussed changing hours to be eligible for health insurance. Ted had talked to Blue Cross Blue Shield and we can do this at any time. A change to the employee handbook will be necessary. The changes to policy and notification to BCBS will be made with a goal of April 1st as the implementation date. The bill for the work on the courthouse floors was discussed but no decisions were made.



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Loren Uden met with the board for a planning/work session. Loren reviewed the past year. The LEOP plan has been sent off to the state. A consultant has been hired to work on the All Hazard Mitigation Plan that needs to be updated every five years. Loren told the board that he is looking into updating the 911 system, updating the phone system and sharing a router with several other counties, making his office a permanent Emergency Operations Center and working with various departments on ID cards. The board asked him about the communications building. This will be discussed more next week.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator presented a 2014 Summary of Specific Items showing 20 additions to homes, porches and decks, 9 new residences, 12 grain bins, 15 ag buildings, 10 garages, 20 garden sheds, fences/shelter/comm., 3 flood plain permits, 3 cell tower/towers, 3 commercial and 2 changes in zoning. A comparison of all four quarters as well as the activity of each quarter was included. A report showing comparisons of the last seven years was also presented.

Michele Bever, Executive Director South Heartland District Health Department presented the annual report for July 2013 through June 2014. The report included 10 Essential Public Health Services, 5 priority goals, surveillance and disease investigation as well as other services and information.

Christy Burrows, Wellness Educator South Heartland District Health Department discussed the Worksite Walking/Cancer screening project. Christy discussed the role of a wellness committee and offered to help formulate a wellness policy and meet with the committee up to four times a year. Challenges and incentives for employees to participate were discussed. A walking program for employees to participate in during breaks and stair challenges were discussed.

The board discussed the likelihood of employees participating in this type of a program. Other walking programs have not been successful. It was decided not to do anything at this time.

Julie Bergen, Clerk Magistrate had talked to the board about having a judge's robe declared as surplus at the last meeting. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Anderson to declare Judge Offner's robe as surplus. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Anderson and Nuss; nay: Johnson, Samuelson and Schmidt. Motion carried.

The board was asked if they were interested in having Wellness Partners do a health fair for Clay County employees. Consensus was this was a success last year and should be held again this year. There is no cost to the county for this.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to adjourn this meeting at 11:26 A.M.; next meeting scheduled for January 27, 2015. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken for the board sitting as the Weed Control Board showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss.



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The Weed Superintendent's reports were accepted as presented; they had been reviewed last week. Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to authorize the chairman to sign the Weed Control Board Roster Report, Activity Report, Weed Infestations Report, Budget Report and the Weed Control Plan for 2015 as presented by the Weed Superintendent. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn as the Weed Control Board at 11:31 A.M. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman